



Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission Tuesday, December 18, 2012 DRAFT Meeting Notes

Minneapolis Central Library

NCEC member attendees: Latrell Beamon, Kenneth Brown, Doron Clark, Henry Jimenez, Denis Houle, Ishmael Israel, Gregg Massey, Marcea Mariani, Jeffrey Martin, Kenya McKnight, Carol Pass, Maria Sarabia, Sacido Shaie, Jeff Strand, Ali Warsame, and Tessa Wetjen.

NCEC members absent: None

Commission staff: Howard Blin and Cheyenne Erickson.

Agenda Item	Content
1. Introduction, & agenda (Action)	Action(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consensus to approve November agenda.• Consensus to approve October 23rd meeting notes as presented with a correction to a typo on Page 2.
2. NCR Report (Informational)	Summary: <p>It was reported that the NCR department will be making a temporary move to the Public Service Building, with a later move to permanent space in the Crown Roller Mill building. It was also noted that a holiday party will be held to which NCEC members are invited</p>
3. Task Force Reports (Informational and Discussion)	Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Boards and Commissions Diversity Task Force:<p>Commissioner Strand reported that the task force is completing work on the final report, with another meeting to be scheduled. The presentation of the report has been pushed back until February.</p>B. One Minneapolis Fund: Commissioner Wetjen reported that the RFP for the fund has been issued with proposals due on January 31, 2013. In January the Task Force will be working on the scoring matrix for reviewing the proposals and commissioners are invited to take part in that effort.C. Bylaws Task Force:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It was noted that there had been considerable discussion of the bylaws on the Google Groups site. It was suggested that the Commission would review the bylaws section by section, with any amendments shown in the meeting room on the overhead screen.• <u>Establishment Section:</u> Approved by consensus with no changes.• <u>Vision Section:</u> A proposal was made to revise the section by deleting the first part of the section to read as follows: <i>The Vision for the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission is a City and community engagement process that increases inclusiveness, empowerment and greater opportunities for participation by all community members of the City of Minneapolis.</i>

The proposal was approved on a 17-1 vote.

- Purpose/Mission Section: Discussion on the role of the Commission in reviewing grievances against non-neighborhood organizations.

A proposal was made to add a Part Two to the section which reads: *The commission will hear grievances regarding NCEC funded programs regarding actions taken by other culturally and ethnically diverse groups and recommend to the City any necessary corrective remedies, where the City Council implemented funding programs for those groups or entities.*

A suggestion to approve the section with the addition of Part 2 failed on an 8 to 6 vote.

A motion to approve the section parts (a) through (h) with the language in Section 2 placed in the parking to for further review was approved by consensus.

- Reporting Section: Consensus to approve with deletion of the term "periodic". Consensus to add an Evaluation Section which reads: *The NCEC shall at least annually and more often if desired evaluate the performance of itself, the Executive Committee and the Chair.*
- Membership Section: Consensus to approve section with addition of the term *consecutive* to the number of terms.
- Appointed Membership Section: Consensus on adopting the section.
- Elected Membership Section: Consensus on adopting the section.
- Terms of Membership Section: Consensus to adopt the section with the addition of the following language: *Membership shall reflect the diverse interests and perspectives of the Minneapolis community. The recruitment process shall be designed to ensure diversity of representation and ideas. The process will consider the City's commitment to civil rights affirmative action and geographic distribution wherever possible.*
- Attendance Requirements Section: The commission discussed the number of absences which should be allowed and whether excused and unexcused absences should be treated the same. A vote was taken on a proposal to add language stating: *Members who miss three meetings in a year will be asked to resign.* The motion failed 6 votes to 7. A suggestion was made for the Commission to explore alternative means of attendance at Commission and task force meetings such as telephone or video conferencing. Such measures would allow participation by a broader and more diverse group of members.
- A proposal was made to continue discussion of the bylaws in the Committee of the Whole and to expand the charge to the Committee

to include review of the bylaws. This proposal was approved on a 16 to 1 vote. Staff was directed to schedule a Committee of the Whole meeting in January, approximately two weeks prior to the regular Commission meeting.

4. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM